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Dear Ms. Maleki:

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 1983, concerning the records of the Warren Commission.

Since we received the Warren Commission materials, we have consistently refused to allow private laboratory or experimental procedures that would involve the evidence accumulated during the Commission's investigations. We do not have the necessary expertise to determine whether particular procedures might result in damage or alteration of the evidence. Such procedures might cause claims that the evidence had been altered whether or not alteration had actually taken place. I am sorry that we cannot assist you by permitting the procedure described in your letter.

Sincerely,

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